

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

CHARLES ROBINS,  
a/k/a Ha'im Al Matin Sharif,

Petitioner,

vs.

RENEE BAKER, *et al.*,

Respondents.

2:99-cv-0412-LRH-PAL

**ORDER**

In this capital habeas corpus action, on June 8, 2012, the petitioner, Charles Robins, filed, under seal, a motion for substitution of counsel (ECF No. 215). Subsequently, the court ordered Robins to file a supplemental declaration of counsel, under seal, providing a more detailed explanation of the need for the substitution of counsel (ECF No. 217).

On July 3, 2012, Robins' counsel filed supplemental briefing in support of the motion for substitution of counsel, under seal, as ordered (ECF No. 220).

The court has carefully considered the material filed under seal in this case on July 3, 2012 (ECF No. 220), and determines that, in the interests of justice, substitution of counsel is warranted. *See Martel v. Clair*, 132 S.Ct. 1276, 1284 (2012) (holding that an "interests of justice" standard is to be applied to motions for substitution of counsel in capital habeas cases). The motion for substitution of counsel will be granted, the Federal Public Defender for the District of Nevada will

1 be discharged from its representation of the petitioner, and the Federal Public Defender for the  
2 District of Arizona will be appointed to represent the petitioner.

3 The Federal Public Defender for the District of Arizona will be directed to file a notice of  
4 appearance of counsel in this action. After the notice of appearance of counsel is filed, the court will  
5 set a schedule for further proceedings.

6 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the motion for substitution of counsel (ECF No. 215)  
7 is **GRANTED**.

8 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Federal Public Defender for the District of Nevada is  
9 discharged from the representation of the petitioner in this case.

10 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Federal Public Defender for the District of Arizona is  
11 appointed to represent the petitioner in this case.

12 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Federal Public Defender for the District of Arizona  
13 shall, within **30 days** after the date this order, file a Notice of Appearance of Counsel for Petitioner,  
14 indicating their acceptance of this appointment, or other document indicating that they cannot accept  
15 the appointment.

16 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the requirements of Local Rule IA 10-2 ("Admission to  
17 Practice in a Particular Case") shall be waived in this case.

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1           **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk of the Court shall **SERVE** a copy of this  
2 order on each of the following:

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4 Charles Robins  
#27820  
5 Ely State Prison  
P.O. Box 1989  
6 Ely, NV 89301

7 Federal Public Defender  
8 District of Arizona  
850 W. Adams Street  
9 Suite 201  
10 Phoenix, AZ 85007-2730

11           Dated this 17th day of July, 2012.



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LARRY R. HICKS  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE